



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: City Council Members
From: Mayor Kevin Hanley
Date: December 10, 2012
Subject: Extension of Temporary Sewer Committee

The Issue

Shall the City Council extend the Temporary Sewer Committee for an additional six months?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council, by MOTION, extend the Temporary Sewer Committee for an additional six months.

Background

During the September 24, 2012 meeting the City Council established a temporary sewer committee comprised of Council members Powers and Kirby. The purpose of this Committee has been to meet with County Supervisors in order to facilitate the forward movement of the Regional Sewer Project.

To date, much has been accomplished; however more time is being requested by the Committee in order to complete the work necessary to provide the City Council with a thorough project report. I am therefore recommending that the Council extended the Temporary Sewer Committee for an additional six months and requesting that they bring forward a complete status report to the Council no later than the first meeting in June 2013.

Alternatives

Do not extend the Committee.
Grant an extension for a different period of time.
Request status report in January

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments

September 24, 2012 Staff Report

**ATTACHMENT*****Report to the
Auburn City Council***

City Manager's Approval

To: City Council Members
From: Mayor Kevin Hanley
Date: September 24, 2012
Subject: Temporary Regional Sewer Committee: Appointments

The Issue

Shall the City Council approve the appointment of Council Members Kirby and Powers to a Temporary Regional Sewer Committee consisting of two Placer County Supervisors and sunset these appointments on December 1, 2012?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council approve, by resolution, the appointment of Council Members Kirby and Powers to a Temporary Regional Sewer Committee and to sunset these appointments on December 1, 2012.

Background

Regarding the ongoing discussions between the City of Lincoln, Placer County and the City of Auburn as to whether the three entities should enter into an agreement to build an operate a regional sewer system, several supervisors have requested that I appoint two city council members to formally engage in further discussions on this issue.

Although I am, after examining the regional sewer idea for over 10 years, skeptical as to whether a proposal can be crafted that is in the best financial interests of Auburn rate payers, I have always keep an open mind and support discussions between the three entities.

With this caveat, I believe that these appointments should sunset on December 1, 2012. I also believe that these appointments shouldn't burden our Public Works Director with more work on this subject. She has, over the last year, spent many hours in discussions and doing analyses of various regional sewer proposals. The City of Auburn has a small Public Works staff and every hour spent in meetings related to regional sewer takes away time spent on current projects important to Auburn residents and business owners. It is my recommendation that city staff not be tasked with further work or time spent in meetings unless approved by the City Manager.

I also recommend that the appointees ensure that the county and not the city carry out any noticing and open meeting law requirements.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

Do not make the appointments and let any discussions between city council members and elected and staff members of Placer County and the City of Lincoln proceed without formal committee appointments.

Fiscal Impact

None.